

# THE ROBBINS EAGLE

Published on Thursday of Each Week  
 13736 Spaulding Avenue Telephone: FULTON 5-5520  
 Printed in the Village of Robbins by Robbins citizens for the citizens of Robbins to encourage and help them in the betterment of our community; to stimulate civic pride, and cultivate a neighborly interest in the welfare and well being of every citizen of this village.

## OUR PLATFORM

- 1.—Spend where we can help our community.
- 2.—Employment of Colored people in public utilities.
- 3.—An up-to-date sanitary system, street lights, gas, side-walks.
- 4.—A well planned village.
- 5.—A public park playground for the children.
- 6.—Modern equipment and facilities for the fire department.

## ROBBINS EAGLE STAFF

Frank Blocker ..... Editor  
 Miss Bobbie Colquitt ..... Associate Editor  
 Mrs. Violet Weaver ..... Contributing Editor  
 Mrs. Lena Blocker ..... Circulation Manager

Advertising Rates upon request

Subscription Rates ..... \$3.75 per year

Volume IX Saturday, January 21, 1961 Ninth Year—No. 3

## PHOENIX NEWS

JOHN HANCOCK writes  
 By JOHN HANCOCK

Sharecroppers are people who live on another's land, raises crops which are sold, and at the end of the year the proceeds are divided after expenses are deducted. This is a business arrangement between the owner and sharecropper. Tenant farming is another name for it, but the same situation prevails. Peonage, which is another form of slavery was outlawed some

years ago, so tenant farming or sharecropping was the answer and equally as vicious. However, a person who sharecrops on another's land, depends on the land owner; who usually has a store that sells everything you can imagine for food, shelter and credit during the farming year.

Now, in and about Summerville, Fayette County, Tenn.; there is a population of about twenty-one thousand people of whom two-thirds are Negroes, and who for the most part lived by sharecropping. In a changing world where people of multi-color were beginning to stand up and ask for such Constitutional rights as education, first-class citizenship that includes voting rights, these sharecroppers in Fayette County felt that they too should have the rights as guaranteed by this wonderful government of ours that fights so hard for the rights of people far away, and they thought if them, why not us, too.

But the landowners warned them against registering and voting, saying in effect that if you persist in this heresy, there will be no land to sharecrop, no homes or shacks, and NO credit at the store. In face

of these threats by the White Citizens Council, the Ku Klux Klan without sheets, several thousand sharecroppers did register and vote, and were put off the land and off the credit books.

All of this was written so that you could get a rough idea of how people in Fayette County are suffering for the right to vote. Hundreds of them are without homes, food, clothing and money, and need help desperately. The Tennessee Emergency Relief Committee, headed by Rev. Louis Boddy are hauling donations, food, clothing, especially children's clothing, and shipping supplies to the Fayette County Civic Welfare group in Summerville, Tenn.

All people who are concerned about "Man's Inhumanity To Man" are asked to help do something about it. Two wonderful civic-minded women have volunteered themselves for the job and are asking for more volunteers to help. They have secured the Village Hall of Phoenix as a depot for your donations of money, food, or clothing for children on Mondays and Tuesdays from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. You may bring it there. Mrs. Lawrence Willson of 15123 First Avenue and Mrs. L. K. Watkins of 639 E. 152nd Street are the volunteers and need your help in this drive.

We got a late start, but watch us roll. Remember: "The best medicine for the heart is to bend down and lift someone up."

## IN MEMORIAM

In memory of my dear father, Joseph Webster, who passed this life January 18, 1958. We, his surviving family, hereby dedicate this poem, written by Paul Lawrence Dunbar:

### "THE CHANGE HAS COME"

The change has come, and father sleeps—  
 Not sleeps, but wakes to greater deeps,  
 Of wisdom, glory, truth and light.

Than ever blessed his seeking sight.  
 In this low, long, lethargic night,

Worn out with strife, which men call life;  
 The change has come, and who would say,

I would it were not come today  
 What were the respite till Tomorrow?

Postponement of a certain sorrow.

From which each passing day would borrow!  
 Let grief be dumb,  
 The change has come.

• CURRENCY EXCHANGE — the most convenient place to cash checks, pay phone, light and gas bills. A real service!  
 1391 Claire Blvd. FU 8-7366

## MUFFLERS

NEW  
**Power Master**  
 MUFFLER

Revolutionary design dries and cleans interior

LIFETIME GUARANTEE

AGAINST RUST-OUT, BURN-OUT OR BLOW-OUT. WILL NOT CLOG.

AVAILABLE NOW AT

FULTON 8-8797  
 Robbins

WAGNER 4-1695  
 Chicago

**BONNER BROTHERS**  
 LATHING and PLASTERING

3611 W. 139th St.  
 Robbins

348 E. 50th St.  
 Chicago

## C. RAY & H. HINTON

135TH STREET AND CRAWFORD AVENUE FULTON 5-5928  
 CRESTWOOD, ILLINOIS

**Phillips 66 Gas**

NEW AND USED TIRES AUTOMOBILE ACCESSORIES

